



*An account of the genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah,
the son of David, the Son of Abraham. Matthew 1:1*

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Worship

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude Partita on "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel"
James Woodman

Welcome and Covenant Life

Introit "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
arr. Mark Edwards

Lighting of the Hope Candle¹

Jewel Aagaard, Calvin Aagaard, Courtney Hoge, Grace Fiedler

*Hymn of Praise, #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Call to Confession

One: In God's house, everyone is welcome –

All: those who seem like they have it all together,

One: and those who feel like their world is falling apart.

All: No matter who we are, there's room for us here.

One: With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer,

All: speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession¹

Organ Side: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say,
"Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

Pulpit Side: But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

Chancel: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams.
There's room for you here."

Organ Side: But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

Pulpit Side: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers.
There's room for you here."

Chancel: But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

Pastor: God of today and God of tomorrow,

All: we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

there's room for every story. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace¹

One: Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together.

All: We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.

One: And we who are lonely are brought into the fold
and assured, "There's room for you here."

**All: From generation to generation,
this is the good news of the gospel.**

In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

In that loving spirit, let us pass the peace of Christ.

*(Greet one another, "Peace be with you,"
which may be followed by a personal greeting.)*

***Response**, Hymn #8 (verses 1, 3) "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

Teach

Time with Our Children Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
Benjamin James Kerr and Connor Raymond Kerr

Welcome and Introduction of the Kerr Family

Meaning of the Sacrament

Questions to the Parents

Kitty Mortara

Questions to the Congregation

Meg Munton

The Apostles' Creed

Front of Hymnal, p. 14 (Traditional)

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Sacrament

The Giving of Gifts to Mark This Joyful Day

A Hymn of Affirmation for All God's Children

Hymn #304 (verse 1)

"Jesus Loves Me"

*(Following the baptism, children ages 4 – 11 may leave with
Jewel Aagaard, Director of Faith Formation Ministries, for Children's
Worship in the Green Room and will return during the last hymn.)*

Prayer for Illumination¹

Anne Hoge

A Reading from the Prophet

Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 1:1-17, 11-12, 16-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"From Generation to Generation: Stories of Hope"
Dr. Kyle Allen

Anthem

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Earlene Rentz

Nurture

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
Egil Hoyland

***Doxology**, #309 (verses 1, 3)

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

***Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer**

(Traditional; Hymnal, p. 16)

Reach

***Hymn of Joy**, #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***Charge and Benediction¹**

***Response**, Hymn #12 (verses 1, 5)

"People, Look East"

***Trinity Chimes**

*Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the
opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or
to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.*

Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"
Robert A. Hobby

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to start this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a nursery staffed by volunteers is available for children ages 3 and under in our Eden Nursery (Room 4) downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Children's bulletins and activity bags are available on the table in Heritage Hall. **We also offer Children's Worship** for the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

Cookies and hot chocolate await you! After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall to visit with church members and guests. Come enjoy some hot chocolate, coffee, tea, or lemonade with cookies. **Special thanks to Linda Eaton for hosting this morning.**

Leaders in Worship: Helen Aagaard, Acolyte; Roger Dickenson, Audio; Beth Allen, Ed Mahler, Pranav Singh: Video.

Ushers: Rick Aydlett, Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Seth Kepley, Kathryn Overacker



In Our Prayers . . .

Church Members: Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, John Fedison, Mary Jane Fisher, Susan Foard, Lynnmarie Hancock, Suellen Hodges, Bob Merritt, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Colette Strother, Roger Tims, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families.

Family and Friends: Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Martha Brumfield, Rosanna Crist, Patrick Dooley, Dickie Hinchee, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Jay Johnson, the people of Malawi, Bill Miller, Rich Moreau, Mike Overacker, Cordell Parvin, Lillian Jane Pauley, Phil Peters, Mair Rubin, Joseph "Joe" Wallace, Daniel Woodbury.

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Covenant Life



Please join us at Covenant for **“Lunch with Lowe & Friends: An Advent & Christmas Concert”** on **Friday, December 2 @ 12 PM**, featuring organ with **Ronn Lowe & flute with Julee Hickcox**. After the concert, stay for a special lunch in the Fellowship Hall. **The concert is free; lunch is \$10 (pay at the door).** Sign up for the lunch in

Heritage Hall or contact the church office **by 10 AM on Monday, November 28th!** Invite your friends and kick off the holiday season with special music & a delicious lunch!



More wonderful Christmas music with our own teen, Kaylee Ridenour, in the **Roanoke Valley Children's Choir** is happening on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 PM. "Songs of the Season" will be at Church of the Holy Spirit, 6011 Merriman Rd, Roanoke. Tickets can be purchased at childrenschoir.com (ages 13 & up = \$23, 12 & under = \$10.)



Our own Elizabeth Allen is performing in The Nutcracker with SWVA Ballet on Sunday, December 11 @ 3 PM at the Berglund Performing Arts Theatre! Get your tickets, then meet at the church to travel together on the church bus and/or carpool. **After the show, everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper** with soup, bread, & dessert. Come celebrate Elizabeth & this very special performance! **For supper, sign up in Heritage Hall or contact the church office. (You are welcome to join us for supper even if you cannot attend the ballet performance.)**



The Covenant Presbyterian Choir presents A Christmas Celebration: Dare to Rejoice! On Sunday, December 18th at 4 PM join the combined choirs of Covenant Presbyterian Church and Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, and a 25-member orchestra to celebrate the season. Admission is free.



Sunday School classes for Advent continue through December 18th at 9:15 AM! (Childcare is provided for kids ages 3 and under.) Children ages 4-11 meet in the Green Room and teens 12+ gather in

the Youth Room. Adults will meet in the Blue Room to reflect on the generations before us and how history is a part of our life story. Next Sunday's lesson is "God Meets Us in Our Fear."



Holy Hunch Brunch & Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

This week we will meet in the Parlor. Come join us for coffee, scripture discussions, and a light brunch! Led by Kyle Allen and Jewel Aagaard. Our scriptures for this week are Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Luke 1: 26-38.

- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** will meet on Monday, November 28th at 10:30 AM in the Parlor. Contact Sharon Nanz.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Saturday, December 3rd at 8 AM in the Parlor. Contact John McMillen or Jeff Cutright.
- ◆ **Circle of Friends** will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the Red Room. Contact Carol Gentry.



The Roanoke Valley Choral Society presents **We Need a Little Christmas! Holiday Concert** on Monday, November 28 at 7 PM, First Evangelical Presbyterian Church (2101 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke). Admission is free; donations accepted.



Enjoying refreshments after worship is a wonderful way to visit with friends and make new ones! **You can help by signing up to host – or sign up with a friend!** Approximately 7 dozen cookies are needed. **During Advent, we will have hot chocolate, coffee, and tea as well as lemonade!** Look for the **signup link in your Monday email.** Contact Linda Eaton with questions

(jjimandlindaeaton@gmail.com or 540-354-8209).

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, November 27 **Family Promise Week**
– Sunday, December 4

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship

Monday, November 28

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
 No Centering Prayer

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
 10:30 AM Holy Hunch Brunch (Parlor)

Thursday, December 1

5:00 PM Preschool Team meets (Zoom)
 7:00 PM Covenant Connections Book Club (Zoom)
 7:00 PM Worship Team meets (Zoom)

Friday, December 2

12:00 PM Lunch with Lowe Advent & Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 3

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Parlor)

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship, with Communion
 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Party
 7:00 PM Session meets (Blue Room)

